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Well informed Yugoslav source in Rome, who was former Chief Balkan Section COMINTERN, has informed us that he has noted important change in Yugoslav psychological offensive against Soviet Union. He states Yugoslav propaganda blasts, which in general were previously limited to answering Soviet and COMINFORM charges on day-to-day basis, now have gone on ideological offensive even to extent violently attacking COMINTERN policy vis-a-vis Yugoslavia since time of Fourth Congress COMINTERN (1922) when Lenin, due to grave illness, was being eased out of picture. Inference is, of course, that once Stalin took over control of Soviet Union and COMINTERN, interests of Russian neighbors became completely subordinated to those of Slavic motherland and that COMINTERN policies, dating back over 25 years and instigated by Stalin himself, have been grievously detrimental to national interests of Soviet neighbor states.

Informant is of opinion that change to ideological basis, which will probably be greatly intensified, is likely to have important repercussions among Communist intellectuals in satellites and other countries. He further believes that this shift, which amounts to a personal attack on Stalin and indirectly on his policies on treatment of nationalities is final proof that rift between Tito and Stalin is irreparable.

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